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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BATRES ON HONDURAS/SALVADOR DISPUTE

1. ON JAN 31 I VISITED FONMIN CESAR A. BATRES, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A WHIRLWIND TRIP WHICH TOOK HIM TO WASHINGTON, MONTREAL, BRUSSELS, MADRID AND OTHER CITIES. HE DESCRIBED HIS TRIP AS ONE OF "PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY," STATING THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP TO EUROPE HAD BEEN TO CONSULT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITIES THAT THE SALVADOR/ HONDURAS DISPUTE MAY SOME DAY WIND UP BEFORE AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM. BATRES SAID THAT THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY BETWEEN HONDURAS AND SALVADOR COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS A CAUTIOUS WAITING GAME. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY WHY CERTAIN POSITIONS WERE BEING EXPOUNDED BY GOES, PARTICULARLY AFTER SOME RECENT AND HIGHLY PUBLICIZED CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES

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BEING HURLED ABOUT INTERNALLY WITHIN THE BORDERS OF

EL SALVADOR.

2. BATRES SEES GOOD POSSIBILITIES FOR THE RENEWAL OF TALKS BUT CONCEDES THAT NOTHING WILL MOVE UNTIL AFTER THE GOES ELECTIONS. HE SAID THAT A GREAT DEAL HINGES UPON GOES RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN. HE SMILED WHEN I MENTIONED THAT BORGONOVO HAD TOLD US THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE GOES RESPONSE TO OAS WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEMS FOR GOH (SAN SALVADOR 0376).

3. WITH REGARD TO BORDER INCIDENTS, BATRES CONTINUES TO REGARD THEM AS "NORMAL." HE SAYS HE HAS NO FIRM EVIDENCE THAT BORDER INCIDENTS ARE INCREASING SUBSTANTIALLY IN SCOPE OR FREQUENCY.

4. THE FONMIN WAS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE OAS AND BY THE USG SO FAR. HE POINTED OUT THAT A MEETING OF CA CHIEFS OF STATE IS SCHEDULED FOR FEB 8, 9 AND 10, AND THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THAT THE GOH WILL BE REPRESENTED AT ANOTHER MEETING IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO GETTING THE BILATERAL TALKS MOVING AGAIN.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE SALVADOR REFUSAL TO AGREE TO INCREASING CABEL'S AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, BATRES SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BUT NOT SURPRISED. HE SAID THAT SALVADOR OBVIOUSLY MEANT THIS AS ANTI-HONDURAN MOVE AND THAT SALVADOR HAD OFTEN EXPRESSED A POSITION THAT GOH WAS RECEIVING DISPROPORTIONATE BENEFITS FROM CABEL.

COMMENT: SO FAR THE PURPOSE OF BATRES' TRIP TO EUROPE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "HEALTH." GOH HAS OBVIOUSLY COME TO ACCEPT GOES DESIRE TO POSTPONE RESUMPTION OF TOO OBVIOUS CONTACTS UNTIL AFTER THEIR ELECTION.
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